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1. General

During the period under review, work has again been concentrated on completing the clearance and levelling of the landing strip. The concreting of the main runway has been intensified, and a three shift system, working throughout the 24 hours, has been introduced.

2. Accommodation

Work has recommenced on the six barrack blocks under construction and, apart from the recently completed first one which is now used as the main camp administration center, two further blocks have now been roofed and only await interior decoration before being ready for occupation.

3. Runway Details

- (a) An area 3,500 m. x 250 m. on the runway site has now been completely excavated to a depth of 50 cm. and the surface packed by the continuous passage of three mechanical spiked rollers. Work has continued on the levelling and clearing of the remaining 1,000 meters at the eastern end of the runway.
- (b) 1. Work on the laying down of the concrete has been stepped up by the introduction on 24 April 53 of a continuous 24 hour three shift working system. A series of electric arc lamps have been set up along the runway to enable work to continue throughout the night. At the close of the reporting period a strip 1,000 m. x 20 m. had been completed along the southern edge of the excavated area. Commencing at a point 150 metres east of the eastern perimeter of the project the concreting is being carried out in sections measuring 45 m. x 5 m to a thickness of 50 cm. Between each block a space of 2 cm. was filled with pitch.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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2. A further concrete strip measuring 200 m x 20 m. has been completed adjoining the northern side of the previously reported strip in sub para (b) (1) above.

4. New construction

- (a) At a point 200 metres east of where the former Vietmannsdorf-Gross Dölln road crosses the woodlands adjoining the northern side of the runway site, an area measuring 100 m. x 30 m. has been cleared of trees. Work has commenced on excavating the sand to a depth of 5m and to date an area 30m. x 10m. has been completed. A series of light gauge railway lines have been set up to remove this sandy sub soil from the site.
- (b) The southernmost railway siding running parallel with the southern perimeter of the airfield has been extended a further 1500 m. and now reaches as far as the eastern boundary fence.

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